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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1990 AT 5:15 P.M. AT THE FIDELI LOUNGE, LOYOLA CAMPUS CENTRE

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair,Ian St. Maurice, called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Stuart Letovsky
Tammy Powell

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Sandra Branker
Anne Marie Clarke (7:15 p.m.)
Ariel Deluy
Hemani Farias
Bishara Hilal
Ra'ad Ra'ad
David Schwalb

COMMERCE

Karen Cox
Jennifer Lalman
Thomas Dowd
Michael Drolet
Katherine Kruse

ENGINEERING

Jarno Makkonen
Duen Lup Tsui

ABSENT

Arts and Science: Melodie Sullivan
Commerce: Manar Mansour
Fine Arts: George Liem

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED That the Agenda of the 114th meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: J. Makkonen

M. Farber said that item 8.2 should read Executive Honorariums.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: K. Cox
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND UNANIMOUS

B. Hilal said that item 8.3 should be removed from the agenda.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: B. Hilal
Seconded by: H. Farias

H. Farias said that the Central America Committee was not given enough notice and that this item was not brought up at the Steering Committee meeting. D. Schwalb said that the Board has to follow a democratic process of Steering.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND 8/1/2 CARRIED

S. Letovsky suggested that item 8.3 should be CUSACORP's Capital Campaign.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: S. Letovsky
Seconded by: T. Powell

T. Dowd said that such a motion can be explicit and requires prior steering beforehand.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND 3/5/5 FAILED

VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA 6/1/6 CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chair said that he had received a letter from H. Scuffell which he would be distributing to the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Be It Resolved That the minutes of the 108th, 109th, 110th meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Moved by: H. Farias
seconded by: M. Drolet

VOTE ON MINUTES 9/0/5 CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 Co-Presidents

S. Letovsky said that the minutes would be up to date for the next Board meeting. He also said that M. Basilieres, V.P. Communications resigned on Thursday, and there had been a meeting the following Monday to discuss his status. M. Basilieres didn't register for any courses this semester. Stuart said that the handbook is out and that Papier Graphe, the Printing Co. has been contacted in an attempt to negotiate a discount with CUSA, since it came out so late.

S. Letovsky said that the Academic Orientation was a success. He said that there were three sessions at the Hall Building and one at Loyola. He also said that people were satisfied and that there were a variety of speakers.

S. Letovsky said that the Pride Program for parents of 1st year students was a success. He said that approximately 300 of them came that evening.

S. Letovsky said that anyone interested in attending the football game on Sunday is more than welcome to.

S. Letovsky said that envirorock was expected to be a success, but unfortunately it wasn't. He said that a report cannot be ready yet, since bills haven't come in yet. He also said that according to the present financial statement it did not do good. Stuart said that the full report will provide the full figures.

S. Letovsky read a letter from H. Scuffell, stating that she had to pay entry to envirorock twice, since she had to leave the premises briefly. He also said that he refunded her $5.00 from his own pocket.

T. Powell said that there will be a Homecoming on October 12-13, 1990 and that individuals are needed to volunteer. She said that it will be the first one ever held at Concordia University.

T. Powell said that the Orientation and Priorities Meeting scheduled on Sunday for all directors and executives was disappointing, since only 3 of them attended. She said that it was very productive though. Tammy also said that evaluations would be taking place next week for N. Woollard, B. Jones, and R. Glavac.

T. Powell said that the Recycling Committee needs new people, and that there is a Health Plan which has been brought to her attention which will be discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting. She said that it offers many benefits and is relatively cheap.

T. Powell said that there is a Cocordia Shuffle taking place this Friday to sponsor students for scholarships.

T. Powell said that S. Burke, the Job Bank Co-ordinator resigned and that the new co-ordinator looks dedicated.

T. Powell said that anyone interested in obtaining a job description is welcome to pick one up at her office. She also said that the Board of directors' packages are not ready yet, but that N. Woollard is working on them.

6.2 Executive Reports

J. Brown, V.P. External, said that the Housing Triangle between McGill, UQAM, and Concordia University is going very well. He said that the Housing Co-Ops will be looking at 2-3 different places over an indefinite period of time. James said that 99 year leases would be signed and that there is support from the city.

J. Brown said that ANEEQ will be holding a Congress for elections on October 13,1990 and that CUSA should delay any decision concerning a referendum until after ANEEQ is given a chance to restructure.

J. Brown said that there will be a student movement this weekend for afiliated and non-afiliated members and that FEEQ and ANNEQ will be present. He also said that students are needed for the External Committee of CUSA.

B. Farmer, V. P. Education said that interviews will be held this week for positions on the Arts and Science Faculty Council as well as Senate. He said that posters that he put up were very successful and that CUSA was successful in obtaining 8 new appliacnts. He also said that there are 5 positions still vacant for the A.S.F.C.

S. Sloan, V.P. Finance said that the deadline for budgets is this coming Monday. He also said that ECA paid $7,600 dues in fees and that CUSA had a postage problem with the mailout.

M. Farber, V.P. Student Life said that the ad in the Concordian was placed by Athletics. He also said that he had received 15 applications for C.C.S.L. and that he would be holding interviews as soon as B. Farmer has finished holding his.

M. Farber said that he is looking for a big name speaker for Concordia. He said that a possibility could be Richard Nixon in March, 1991. He also said that he hasn't had much luck in convincing companies to

sponsor a Charity Comedy Gala that would be held at the Cocert hall. Mark said that he will send a letter to all groups, letting them know that if they have a specific speaker in mind that they would like to see at Concordia, he would be more than glad to look into it.

J. Kalafatidis, V. P. Public Relations, said that he is looking for a group of marketing students to do research in promoting CUSA. He also said that he is working on a promotion campaign that will be taking place on October 22, 1990 at the Mezzanine, entitled "Meet CUSA Today."

H. Farias asked S. Letovsky if he had written up the letter concerning the police action. S. letovsky replied that he had, and that a copy was sent to station 25 on Augaust 30, 1990.

H. Farias asked to know why the Board was not informed about the negotiations for the unification of CUSA, CASA and ECA regarding the Supercouncil of Presidents. T. Powell replied that the meeting took place sometime after the Lacolle weekend and that if the Directors are interested in knowing what is going on they should consult with the Co-Presidents more often, rather than reading articles from the student newspapers as a first source of information.

D. Schwalb asked to know how Orientation week went. Darlene replied that it went very well, considering CUSACORP's Programmer resigned on very short notice. She also said that CUSACORP did make a profit.

(Time: 6:35 p.m.)

H. Farias asked to know why there are 80 boxes of handbooks sitting in the executive office. S. Letovsky said that an effort was made to have these handbooks distributed. He also said that boxes were put out but another big shipment arrived shortly thereafter.

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

Moved by: J. Makkonen
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA 12/1/1 CARRIED

(Time: 6:45 p.m.)

The Chair asked F. D' Orazio to leave the meeting, since S. Letovsky found a tape recorder of F. D' Orazio's left behind during the in camera session.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Co-Presidential Salary Freeze

Be It Resolved That the salaries and honorarium of the Co-Presidents being fixed at $_____ thousand each for the Academic year 1990-91.

Moved by: B. Hilal
Seconded by: H. Farias

B. Hilal filled in the blank of $9,000 each.

D. Schwalb asked to know what last year's salary was. H. Farias replied that it was $9,000.

The Chair said that a 2/3 majority on the vote is required for a motion of this stature. T. Dowd disagreed and said that a simple majority is required.

MOTION TO CHALLENGE THE CHAIR

Moved by: T. Dowd
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO CHALLENGE THE CHAIR 10/0/5 CARRIED

S. Letovsky said that the Co-Presidents have received their salary for work performed over the summer. He also said that what is left is the sum of $3,500 compared to the honorarium of the executives, who receive $2,500.

H. Farias said that over the past four years the Co-Presidents salary has increased at a rate of 98%. He also said that unless CUSA obtains a fee increase this figure of $9,000 should be frozen.

D. Schwalb agreed with H. Farias and said that last year the Co-Presidential salary increased from $7,500-$9,000.

T. Powell asked to know why the Finance Committee waited 4-5 months to reach this decision. She said that if such a decision was being considered, it should have been ruled in April. H. Farias replied that the decision was run over several times and the conclusion was that CUSA could not afford it.

(Time: 7:00 p.m.)

R. Douglas said that in his experience as Co-President, the Finance V.P., does more work than the Co-Presidents.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: B. Hilal
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION 10/1/3 CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION 6/3/7 CARRIED

7.2 Co-Presidential Non-Salary Compensation

Be It Resolved That the Co-Presidents cannot claim compensation for other work performed on behalf of CUSA or its' associations.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

H. Farias said that the reason this motion was brought out was because two years ago, A. Madsen, one of the two Co-Presidents did work for Programming, for which he was not entitled to receive compensation. H. Farias said that similarly, last year, he was asked to hold two positions, that of V.P. Student Life and V.P. Physical Resources.

D. Schwalb said that he agrees with H. Farias and there is no reason to get a double honorarium.

T. Powell asked to know if the motion is retroactive, since E. O'Connor received $1,200 for his work performed on Envirorock and S. Letovsky the remainig $800. H. Farias replied that yes it is as of April 1st,1990.

MOTION TO AMEND ITEM 7.2

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

J. Makkonen asked to know what would CUSA do in the case where money has already been received. H. Farias said that if payments were already made then CUSA should be promoting this new motion.

S. Letovsky asked to know how CUSA can withdraw money after services have already been rendered. R. Douglas replied that you cannot go back, rather it depends on the person's spirit. He also said that unless the services rendered were a failure, then you can withdraw the money.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: J. Makkonen
Seconded by: S. Letovsky

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE	4/8/4	FAILED

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	10/3/0	CARRIED
VOTE ON MOTION	3/4/6	FAILED

(Time: 7:25 p.m.)

7.3 Ratification of Appointments to Judicial Board

Be It Resolved That the Board of Directors ratify the appointment of Chandra Sohan to Judicial Board for the 1990-91 term.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

H. Farias asked C. Sohan to relate any previous experience he may have had. C. Sohan said that he was last year's Chairperson on the Judicial Board and that his duties included reviewing Constitutions, Conducting elections, complaints and having to succumb to a troublesome period in May.

J. Brown asked C. Sohan why he is applying for Judicial Board again. Chandra replied that he has been active with CUSA as V.P. Internal and Chairperson for the Judicial Board and that he has enjoyed working for a good cause. He also said that he wanted to give Judicial Board autonomy from CUSA and that the troublesome period that he experienced in May had a lot to do with having to face new inexperienced directors.

Chandra said that directors should not be involved with Judicial Board. He also said that the Board refused to ratify certain individuals who were qualified due to procedural problems that Judicial Board was faced with. Chandra said that if that is the basis, then the elections that took place were illegal as well.

R. Ra'ad asked to know about the petition to dissolve CUSA. C. Sohan replied that the motion was never carried, since the Board of directors reversed its' decision.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	11/1/2	CARRIED
VOTE ON MOTION	7/3/5	CARRIED

(Time: 8:00 p.m.)

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Ratification of V.P. Liaison

Be It Resolved That Malcolm Thompson be ratified for the position of Vice-President Liaison for the 1990-91 term.

Moved by: T. Powell
Seconded by: B. Hilal

T. Powell said that she didn't interview M. Thompson, but that she heard that his third interview went very well.

H. Farias asked to know why M. Thompson placed a new club in a big office, when there is a history behind it. T. Powell said that she can't answer for him and that to her awareness she knows nothing about

this issue. She also said that if he made a mistake, we can't hold it against him.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: B. Hilal
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE 2/9/1 FAILED

H. Farias said that this kind of mistake should not have happened, since a decision like the one that M. Thompson undertook is not one that is drawn up on the spur of the moment.

T. Powell said that M. Thompson has been volunteering his time to CUSA now for the last few months. She also said that it is the clubs that will end up suffering as a consequence if we don't proceed with his ratification.

B. Hilal said that he is a good candidate, but the mistake he made is not one he should have made. D. Schwalb said that we should wait and get his side of the story since he is not here tonight.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by; J. Makkonen
Seconded by: K. Kruse

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION 3/4/5 FAILED

K. Cox said that any work that M. Thompson performed was on a voluntary basis and that the directors shouldn't hold up his ratification on the mistake he made.

J. Makkonen said that an amendment be made in the motion. K. Cox suggested that M. Thompson be ratified pending an investigation of a committee of the Board.

T. Powell said that even if the Board does ratify him tonight, it is up to the Board to question him on these issues.

10. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. due to loss of quorum. Earlier in the meeting S. Letovsky requested from R. Douglas to present his I.D. R. Douglas did not comply. Security was called in by S. Letovsky to ask R. Douglas to leave the meeting at the request of the Chair, to which R. Douglas did comply. As a consequence, security had to comply with D. Schwalb's request, that if he is going to demand an I.D. card from R. Douglas, he has to demand one from everyone in the meeting as well. It was at this time that quorum was lost.

Ian St. Maurice, Chairperson

H. Danakas

Helen Danakas, Secretary